My Unlikely Journey into Tech

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
- Lao-tzu
TODAY
Vice President, responsible for Technical Services across Asia Pacific, Japan and Greater China
Careers in IT are **Good** for Women

Many entry points, many destinations

*Women Wanted!*
Higher Salaries
More Jobs
More Equal Pay
More Flexibility
Big Problems to Solve
How did I get here?
My father wanted me to be an engineer ....
I had other ideas
When I grow up, I want to be .....
So I went to Wake Forest University …

A liberal arts institution aims to impart a broad general knowledge and develop general intellectual capacities, in contrast to a pre-professional, vocational or technical curriculum.
Think critically
Solve complex problems
Communicate clearly
Learn to continuously learn
When I grow up, I want to be ......
Which allowed me to explore other passions
When I grow up, I want to be .....
What I thought graduate school would be ...
What it was actually like for me ...
Along the way, I needed a thing to support myself so...
When I grow up, I want to be .....
The internship that changed everything

It said “Janet Ramey”
My first deliverable

Main concepts:

- Collects data for workstations on token-ring networks
- Creates a MIB for collection by other network management software
- Delivered on a 3.5 inch floppy disk
- Physically installed on every workstation
- Network management
Making the jump from summer intern to full-time
Certifications Matter

Janet Ramey

March 01, 2001

Has successfully completed the
Cisco Career Certification test requirements
and is recognized as a
Cisco Certified Network Associate — CCNA

Valid Through
Cisco IOS

September 14, 2001

Cisco IOS

John Chambers
President and CEO
Cisco Systems, Inc.
Along the way, life happened ....
Manager or Technical Leader?
Be curious and take chances
Don’t be afraid of changing direction
Certifications matter
Fake it until you make it
Communication is a super skill
Work across cultures
Never stop learning
GLOBAL IOT WORLD FORUM YOUNG WOMEN’S INNOVATION GRAND CHALLENGE

- Fosters interest in STEM
- Asks you to envision new solutions from IoT
  - Create new business opportunities
  - Better people’s lives
  - Increase efficiencies
- Encourages you to become the next innovators, entrepreneurs, and executives.

Visit: http://cs.co/iotgirls
Specifics of the Challenge

- Open to young women between the ages of 13-18
- Entrants will submit ideas for Internet of Things in the area of education, healthcare, manufacturing, energy, retail, transportation, or smart cities.
- Judging will be based on originality, creativity, and feasibility of the solution.

- 1st Prize - $20k (1 winner)
- 2nd Prize - $10k (4 winners)
- 3rd Prize - $ 5k (5 winners)
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